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Sarah Olson - Smith on behalf and for my Father,
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Dave Navecky – Docket No. FD35952
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: DOCKET NO. FD35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project and I want the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns surround the effects it will have on the local environment and the safety of our families and farms. The environmental concerns are, but not limited to drainage ditches and the altering of the quality and safety of the creeks. The natural flow of water will be interrupted and cause erosion issues as well as increased flooding. My concerns about safety issues, are for all citizens in our area, as the possible closing of the road that will affect Fire Department routes as well as the proximity of the rail road to several homes/properties that families reside on. Another important issue to note, Mr. Navecky, is this will be taking over 60 acres out of the 100 acres that my father has worked his whole life to be able to purchase and have for his family. Again, I ask you to please deny the proposal for the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Sarah Olson - Smith
May 5th, 2016